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VIA E-MAIL (jyounggaudet@allpointstech.com)

September 23, 2020

Ms. Jennifer Young Gaudet All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. 567 Vauxhall St. Ext., Suite 311 Waterford, CT 06385

Re: Proposed Wireless Communication Facility

43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Gaudet:

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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cc:

Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051



Date: September 17, 2020

To: Common Council

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The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the public notice of this proposed facility will be published in the <u>New Britain Herald</u> on Friday, September 18, 2020 and to invite written comments from relevant individuals or groups that you may be aware of regarding any potential effects that the proposed facility may have upon historic properties.

Any comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: All-Points Technology Corporation at 567 Vauxhall St. Ext. - Suite 311, Waterford, CT 06385, to the attention of Jennifer Young Gaudet, (860) 663-1697 ext. 231, jyounggaudet@allpointstech.com. Please respond within 30 days if you wish to comment.



DAVID A. BALL

Please Reply To Bridgeport E-Mail: dball@cohenandwolf.com

November 13, 2020

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mayor Erin E. Stewart 27 West Main Street New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Mayor Stewart:

This office represents Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC ("ARX"). ARX anticipates filing an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut (the "Facility"). ARX intends to file this application to provide the opportunity for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") to provide enhanced wireless communications and improved 911 service in this area of New Britain. AT&T has committed to intervening in the Certificate proceeding to support the need for the Facility. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with notice and information regarding the proposed Facility and to commence the ninety (90) day consultation period prior to the filing of the Certificate.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50l(g), please find enclosed a copy of the Technical Report regarding the proposed Facility. The Technical Report includes information regarding the public need for the Facility, the site selection process, and the environmental effects of the Facility.

AT&T requires more reliable service in this area of New Britain. The information and exhibits provided in the Technical Report demonstrate that this Facility will allow AT&T to provide this necessary service with minimal environmental effect.

We would like to meet with you or your designee to review the proposed project and will contact you next week to set up an appointment at your convenience. If the City has any proposed alternative sites, it must provide them to us within thirty (30) days of that initial consultation meeting.



Further, the City may conduct a public information meeting as it deems necessary to provide recommendations or comments to ARX and AT&T concerning the proposed Facility. We would be pleased to provide an informational summary of the proposal. This public informational meeting must be held no later than sixty (60) days after our initial consultation meeting. If such a public information meeting is scheduled, we request you advise us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence and the enclosed Technical Report. We look forward to meeting with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

David A. Ball

Enclosures

cc: New Britain Zoning Board (w/enclosures)

New Britain City Plan Commission (w/enclosures)

New Britain Conservation Commission (w/enclosures)

Joseph E. Skelly, Jr., Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel (w/enclosures)

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VIA E-MAIL (dball@cohenandwolf.com)

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David A. Ball Cohen and Wolf 1115 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06601-1821

Re:

ARX Wireless Infrastructure, LLC

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Dear Attorney Ball:

I have reviewed your letter to Mayor Stewart dated November 13, 2020. I have attached a copy of a letter to the Common Council dated September 17, 2020 and our response to Jennifer Young Gaudet dated September 23, 2020.

For the reasons set forth in our letter to Ms. Young Gaudet, the City of New Britain objects to any application to construct a telecommunications facility at 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT, which is located in the middle of a residential neighborhood. A visit to the site would confirm the basis for our objection.

There are two alternative sites. There is already a radio facility on a water tank on Elam Street, which is less than one mile away. In addition, Osgood Park is located north of the Elam Street water tank and may provide a more suitable site.

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Very truly yours,

Office of Corporation Counsel

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JES/tjm Enclosure

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John Medley, Manager of P.S.T.C. Robert Trottier, P.E., City Engineer Steve Schiller, AICP, City Planner Justin Dorsey, Chief of Staff



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PHILIP C. PIRES

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March 5, 2021

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL

Joseph E. Skelly, Jr., Esq Office of Corporation Counsel 27 West Main Street New Britain, CT 06051 E-Mail: Joseph.Skelly@newbritainct.gov

Dear Attorney Skelly:

I am writing in response to your letter to David Ball dated November 17, 2020.

Following your correspondence, our client, Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC ("ARX"), devoted time researching the potential viability of the two alternative sites that you identified.

- 1. Water tank on Elam Street / 1780 Corbin Avenue This location is only 0.4 miles from an existing AT&T site (site CT5419) and 1.1 miles from the search ring. As a result, AT&T has rejected this site as not viable.
- 2. Osgood Park This location is only 0.2 miles from an existing AT&T site (site CT5419) and 1.2 miles away from the search ring. Again, AT&T has rejected this site as not viable.

While we understand the City identifying that 43 Osgood Avenue is in a residential neighborhood, we note that both of the alternative sites the City has suggested are also in residential neighborhoods. Thus, moving the proposed telecommunication facility from 43 Osgood Avenue to either location the City recommended would merely move the facility into a different residential neighborhood.

ARX is confident that it has conducted a thorough site search and that 43 Osgood Avenue is still the best site for the location of the proposed facility. And unlike the two alternatives suggested by the City, AT&T is fully supportive of 43 Osgood Avenue as the best site in the area to meet its coverage needs.



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We appreciate your feedback and or course welcome collaboration with the City. Please contact us with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Philip C. Pires

cc: David A. Ball, Esq. (via e-mail, DBall@cohenandwolf.com)

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From: Pires, Philip C.

Sent: Friday, March 05, 2021 1:54 PM

To: Joseph Skelly

Cc: Ball, David A.; Justin Dorsey; Jon Delgadillo

Subject: RE: Arx Wireless Infrastructure LLC - 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT

Attachments: 2021-03-05 Letter to Attorney Skelly.pdf

Joe,

Please see attached, which responds to your prior letter. Please let us know if you would like to have a Zoom meeting to discuss Arx's proposed site. Thanks.

Phil

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Attachments: 2020-11-13 Technical Report.pdf

Joe,

The information about existing sites and the need for coverage is detailed in the Technical Report that we provided to the City on November 14, 2020. Attached is a copy for your reference. Again, while we understand the City identifying that 43 Osgood Avenue is in a residential neighborhood, we note that both of the alternative sites the City suggested are also in residential neighborhoods.

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Subject: Arx Wireless Infrastructure LLC - 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT

Attorney Skelly,

We would like to have a Zoom meeting with you, and anyone else from the city that would like to participate, regarding Arx's proposed telecommunications facility for 43 Osgood Avenue. Please let us know if you are interested in having a meeting to discuss the site, and if so, please let us know some convenient times for you and your colleagues in the next few weeks.

Thanks, Phil

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